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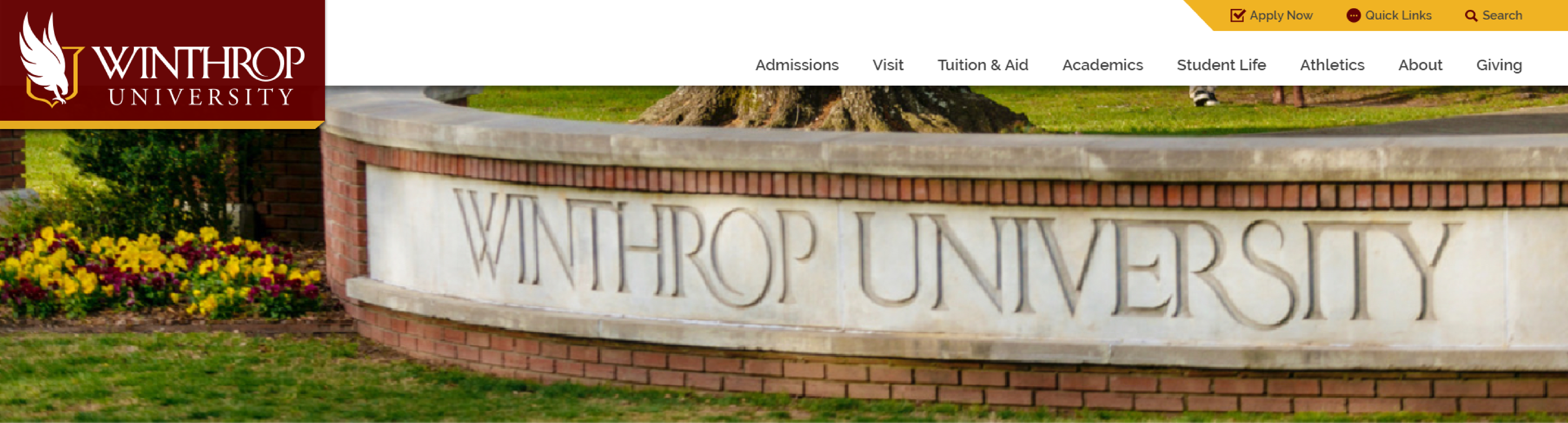
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Quick Facts

- With the federal holiday normally considered a "day off" for schools, Winthrop will mobilize about 350 college students on Jan. 15 to conduct a "day on" community service project.
- The project has been several months in the making. Between September and November, Winthrop MLK team leaders worked to create bathroom design concepts for Castle Heights Middle and Rock Hill High, while Springs Creative Products Group handled a design concept for Belleview Elementary School.



ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA — Winthrop University's annual **Day of Service** on the **Martin Luther King Jr. holiday** will focus this year on beautifying the bathrooms at three Rock Hill schools.

With the federal holiday normally considered a "day off" for schools, Winthrop will mobilize about 350 college students on Jan. 15 to conduct a "day on" community service project, said **Shayna Foxworth**, one of two AmeriCorps VISTA staff members coordinating the event.

"Our service project involves decorating the bathrooms in an elementary, middle and high school with positive messages and art related to self-image and care and treating others with respect," Foxworth said. "We hope this will make the bathrooms more welcoming, inspirational and

beautiful spaces."

The project has been several months in the making. Between September and November, **Winthrop MLK team leaders** worked to create bathroom design concepts for **Castle Heights Middle** and **Rock Hill High**, while **Springs Creative Products Group** handled a design concept for **Belleview Elementary School**.

The **MLK Student Leader volunteers** will be at the three schools on Jan. 12 to deliver supplies and prepare the walls. Then on Jan. 15, the Day of Service will begin at 9 a.m. as the college students will gather at the Richardson Ballroom in the **DiGiorgio Campus Center**. They'll be divided into 46 teams and sent out to paint from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Some **350 Winthrop and Clinton College students** will enter the schools to transform more than 45 bathrooms along with the **Castle Heights** and **Rock Hill High School's "spirit rocks."** Upon completion, they'll meet back at Winthrop to reflect on their service and celebrate with lunch.

"By contributing more than 1,000 service hours, our MLK service teams can accomplish a lot of work in a relatively small amount of time," Foxworth said.

Rock Hill High School students also have been invited to volunteer alongside the college students.

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